STATEMENT

Outstanding Telephone Bills of former MPs/Ministers

S.No.	Particulars	No.	Amount in Rs.
1.	VIIth Lok Sabha	56	559058
2.	VIIIth Lok Sabha	132	8149130
3.	IXth Lok Sabha	136	5007267
4.	Xth Lok Sabha	280	56643347
5.	Ex. MPs Rajya Sabha	194	14368421
	Total	798	84727223

Progress in Ratlam Railway Station

4012. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the progress of the work of construction of railway tracks, doubling, elecrifying, expansion of platform, construction of over-bridge and the expansion of rail facilities being provided in Ratlam Railway Division under Western Railway during 1995-96 and 1996-97, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Details of the progress of work in Ratlam Railway Division is as follows :

	Heads	Year	Name of Project	Present Status
	1	2	3	4
I.	*NEW LINES*	1995-96	Godhara-Indore via Dahod, Sardarpur, Dhar and Dewas-Maksi (316 kms) new B.G. line.	Work on the 1st phase i.e. Dewas-Maksi section has recently been defrozen to start the work.
		1996-97	Nil.	Nil.
II.	*GAUGE CONVERSION*	1995-96 and 1996-97	Nimach-Ratlam section.	Work is in progress
III.	*DOUBLINGS*	1995-96	(A) Ujjain-Bhopal section- Doubling between	
			a. Bairagarh-Bakanian-Bhaunri	Work commissioned on 04.07.95.
			b. Bakanian-Bhaunri-Phanda	Work commissioned on 08.08.95.
			c. Kalapipal-Phanda	Work Frozen.
			d. Maksi-Bairagarh-Four Block Section	One tender for earthwork and minor bridges has been awarded and another tender is under finalisation.
			B. Anas bridge No. 142 on Ratlam-Godhara section	Work commissioned on 15.1.96.
		1996-97	Ujjain-Bhopal section-Doubling between Pirumrod-Bercha (11.67 kms) section.	Work commissioned on 14.11.96.
IV.	*OTHER TRAFFIC FACILITY WORKS*			
		1995-96	Nil	Nil
		1996-97	1. Godhra-Additions and alternations in yard.	Detailed estimate und r consideration in the Ministry/Railways.
			2. Nagda-Remodelling of yard with additional passenger Platform.	-do-

1	2	3	4
V.	*ROAD OVER-BRIDGES*		
	1995-96	Nil	Nil
	1996-97	1. Sant Road-Piplod Road over bridges in lieu of level crossing No. 20B.	Work will be taken in hand after State Government start the work on approaches.
		2. Ratlam-(Jaora Road) Road over bridge of level crossing No. 192-A	-do-
		3. Indore-Road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 246	-do-
		4. Nagda-Road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 1.	Work is in progress.

Medical Facilities at Railway Stations

4013. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility of First Aid/ Chemist Stalls/Corners have been provided within the Book-Stalls at various important stations in Northern Railway;

(b) if so, whether this facility has been provided on each platform at Kanpur, Ambala Cantt. Amritsar, New Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Jullundar city, Ludhiana and Jammu Tawi stations;

(c) if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received various Members of Parliament's suggestions for providing of this facility on each platform at important stations; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. Chemist corners within book stalls have been provided at New Delhi, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Cantt. Hazrat Nizamuddin, Varanasi, Attari, Amritsar, and Chandigarh stations on Northern Railway. It is not provided at Kanpur, Jammu Tawi, Jullundar, Ludhiana and Ambala Railway stations at present. Applications have been invited for operating chemist corners from existing book stalls contractors at major stations.

Direct EMU Services

4014. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand of the people of Calcutta for direct EMU services between Sealdah and Kharagpur and between Barddhaman and Kharagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that crowd at Howrah station is likely to be reduced if such services are introduced;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received in this regard including from Shri Haradhan Roy, MP. The route between Kharagpur to Sealdah/Barddhaman is via Andul link. Introduction of direct EMU services between Kharagpur and Sealdah/Barddhaman has not been found feasible as the route is not fit for passenger train operations. Such through pascengers have to avail of changeover facilities.

Railway Line in Sunderban Area

4015. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to construct railway line from Joynagar to Raidighi and from Lakshikantapur to Ram Ganga;